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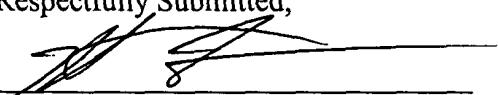
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- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 6 Sheets of Formal Drawings.
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- Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
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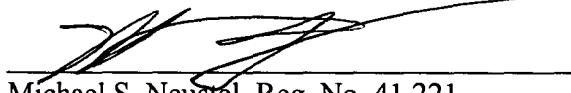
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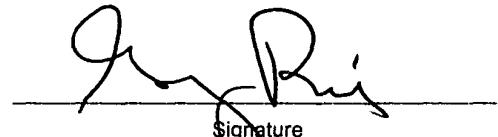
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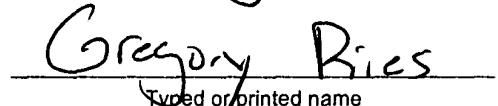
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